

BRAISHFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held at the Village Hall, Braishfield
on Wednesday 5th July 2000

PRESENT:-

A Lalonde (Chairman)

M Prince

Ms P Saunders

Mrs M Balchin

Mrs M Payne

Mike Edwards

Martin Hatley (TVBC)

28. MINUTES

RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th June 2000 are signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

29. AMBULANCE SERVICE

NOTED - That the Ambulance service has said its Director of Operations will respond to the Parish Council's letter after completion of the enquiry into the Lockerley incident.

30. REFUSE COLLECTION

NOTED - That, as explained by Martin Hatley, the refuse collectors are not contracted to collect plastic bags of rubbish except at Bank Holidays. There are safety reasons for this. The delays in the weekly collection were of concern and changes to the contract are expected later this year with, hopefully, an additional vehicle being purchased. Staff at the Bunny Lane Household Recycling Depot are obliged to assist people who cannot climb the steps up to the containers with their refuse.

RESOLVED - That the Clerk ascertains the collection policy for the recycling bins next to the Village Hall.

31. WAR MEMORIAL CHARITY

NOTED - That the Charity Commission has said that the War Memorial must remain a charity and that a reply from HAPTC on the question of the accounts is awaited.

32. MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION

RESOLVED - That the Parish Council gives a 'vote of thanks' to the Millennium Committee and to all others who contributed to the very successful party to celebrate the Millennium on 24th June.

33. BRAISHFIELD MEMORIES

RESOLVED - That the Clerk responds to the TVBC request for a copy saying that it is unlikely to be available before the end of the year and that it will not be free of charge.

34. PLANNING MATTERS

a) Hawkes Farm

NOTED - That John Robinson will visit Hawkes Farm when he has the opportunity.

- b) Planning enforcement
RESOLVED - That, noting the staffing situation as reported by Martin Hatley, the Clerk writes to the Chief Executive expressing concern at the lack of enforcement capability in TVBC.
- c) Braishfield Garage site
RESOLVED - That the Clerk writes to Archstone Developments saying that the latest plan with the two houses facing Braishfield Road is much more acceptable and that the Parish Council is prepared to attend their proposed meeting with TVBC to progress it further. He is also to suggest that two of the houses might be moved further away from the Village Hall by exchanging their position with a garage.
- d) Old Telephone exchange
RESOLVED - That Mike Edwards will report his observations to TVBC.
- e) Planning Policy
RESOLVED - That planning policy will be discussed at the next meeting.
- f) Applications considered at this Meeting
RESOLVED - To make the following responses:
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| TVS 9000 8 Hill View - extension | no objection providing it conforms to the Borough Local Plan. |
| TVS 308/1 Red Cottage – repairs | no objection |
- g) Applications pending or recent outcome
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| TVS 7205/4 | Braishfield House – chalk pit bank | |
| TVS 1051/7 | RF Salvidge Farms - extension of time | |
| T 2325 | Yew Tree Cottage, Church Lane – fell tree | |
| TVS 8970 | Manor Farm – landfill | |
| TVS 2799/18 | BKP – building | |
| TVS 1023/5 | Gt Baddens – alterations | |
| TVS 6936/4 | Wood Farm – new dwelling | permission |
| TVS 8900/1 | Glencoe – alterations | |
| T 2311 | Swallowfield – fell tree | |
| TVS 9000 | 8 Hill View – extension | |
| TVS 308/1 | Red Cottage – repairs | |
- h) Wyndhams, Braishfield Road
NOTED - That a tree preservation order has been served on Wyndhams, Braishfield Road, apparently to preserve the screening from an adjacent property.
- i) TVS 6936/4 Wood Farm, Eldon Lane
NOTED - That permission has been granted following advice from the County Estates Officer on the viability of the agricultural business.
- That Pam Saunders wishes it to be recorded that she did not object to the planning application at Wood Farm.

35. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Jem Musselwhite and Mandy Payne reported on the progress of the Village Design Statement, expressing appreciation for the number of non-Parish Council villagers involved in the work. The

project needed further publicity and a questionnaire had been prepared, but would need copying. The next meeting will be on 11th September to be followed by a workshop in October.

There was a lengthy discussion on the degree of involvement of the Parish Council, particularly with the nature of the questionnaire and the membership of the VDS groups. It was stressed that no decisions had yet been made by the VDS meetings and that, in any case, the Parish Council will have final approval of the Statement before its submission to TVBC.

NOTED - That photocopying of the questionnaire can be arranged through Andrew Lalonde or his secretary.

RESOLVED - That the Parish Council will pay the expenses incurred by the VDS group in the preparation of the document.

36. HIGHWAYS AND ROAD SAFETY

a) Road Safety

NOTED - That the lines on the corner of Common Hill Road will be done by HCC 'as soon as possible' and that the cost of a warning light is awaited.

That the Police have responded to the request for more speed checks by listing the priorities of their limited resources.

RESOLVED - That, if there is no further HCC response before the end of July on traffic calming, then the Clerk asks Alan Dowden to progress it.

b) Road signs

RESOLVED - That, noting TVBC will be inspecting the defective street nameplates, the Clerk asks about the possibility of providing signs for all roads leading off Braishfield Road.

That the Clerk reports the damaged signs at the footpath opposite Braishfield House.

c) Traffic

RESOLVED - Noting that neither BKP or J&W have replied further, that the Clerk asks PC Preston to have a word with the two companies.

d) Drainage

RESOLVED - That the Clerk follows up the Parish Council's request to the Area Surveyor about the drainage problem at the north end of Church Lane.

37. FOOTPATHS AND POND

RESOLVED - That the Clerk ascertains who carried out a previous report on the state of the pond.

That the Clerk reports the hogweed problem on footpath 1.

38. RECREATION GROUND

a) Playground

NOTED - That the Clerk still has the maintenance of the equipment in hand.

b) Flagpoles

NOTED - That another quotation for the flagpole work has not been received.

- c) Football Agreement
RESOLVED - That the Clerk contacts Peter Winfield pointing out that football cannot start until agreement is reached.
- d) Dog bin
NOTED - That the TVBC has the installation in hand and has even sent in an invoice in advance of the work being done.
- e) Maintenance
NOTED - That Norman Fielder has been carrying out maintenance work on the Recreation Ground. In response to a query about the ownership of the trees/hedge alongside the car park, it was confirmed that this belonged to the owner of the garage site.
- f) Car park
RESOLVED - That Mike Edwards proceeds with the placing of a contract for repair work without the requirement for a 10% retainer.
- That the Clerk asks TVBC to follow up the procedure for removal of the old car from the car park.
- g) Footpath
NOTED - That the School has asked the Parish Council to consider the provision of a footpath across the Recreation Ground to enable ‘crocodiles’ to reach the Village Hall more safely than via the footpath along the road.
- RESOLVED* - That, after a lengthy discussion on the merits and location of such a path, the Clerk writes to the HCC Education Department (copy to Alan Dowden) asking whether they would be prepared to provide one, bearing in mind the problem emanated from the School having no Hall of its own.

39. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) 1998/1999 Audit
RESOLVED - That the Chairman signs the Memorandum of Matters Arising Certificate for the 1998/99 Audit.
- b) Payment of Accounts
RESOLVED – That the following accounts be paid:
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| Clerk’s salary & expenses – July | £87.93 |
| Southern Water – pond supply | £11.93 |
| TVBC – grass cutting 1999 | £285 |
| Audit Commission – 1998/99 fee | £190.94 |
| TVBC – dog bin stand (for when this item is completed) | £72 |
- c) Clerk’s salary
RESOLVED – That Andrew Lalonde will be writing to the Clerk about this.

40. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR’S REPORT

In his report, Martin Hatley mentioned the enforcement officer staffing problem within TVBC, partly stemming from underfunding. He also mentioned the action on the Old Telephone Exchange, the reason for the TPO at Wyndhams and corrected an inaccurate report in the Romsey Advertiser on his views on the application for a dwelling at Wood Farm. He noted with concern the pending staff changes in the planning department and proudly announced that Ampfield now has a website - ampfield.org.uk

41. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- a) Dark Lane
RESOLVED – That the Clerk asks the HCC Rights of Way people for advice on how the state of Dark Lane can be improved.
- b) Finger Posts
RESOLVED – That Jem Musselwhite will investigate the provision of metal plates for some of the finger posts.
- c) Village Hall sign
RESOLVED – That Mike Edwards will ask the BVH Committee if the Village Hall sign at the entrance to the Recreation Ground could be repainted.

42. OPEN PERIOD

In the open period, Alan Simms asked that the leaning 30mph sign in the Square is attended to. He also expressed concern about suggestions that the Village Design Statement might be funded in part by individuals and believed this could lead to problems in the future. The overhanging hedge on Braishfield Road opposite the War Memorial was raised as a problem.

It was agreed that the Clerk would report the 30mph sign to the Area Surveyor and also contact the owner of Potters Clay about the hedge.